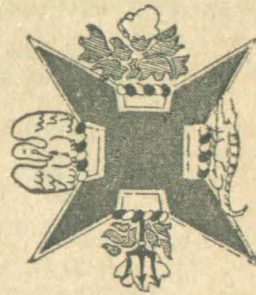




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Headquarters Works Overtime To Release Men

IV Corps Approves
3,836 Discharges
For 31st Men

Release of Dixie Division soldiers, who were on maneuvers in Louisiana and who were eligible under the recently passed national legislation, was started during the week and will continue until the troops leave for the Carolinas. The offices of Lt. Col. Henry E. Walden, assistant chief of staff and personnel officer; Lt. Col. Thomas D. Nettles, Jr., adjutant general; and Lt. Col. James F. Cogdell, finance officer, are working overtime these days to facilitate the return to civilian status of hundreds of 31st Division men.

The IV Army Corps has allotted a quota of 3,836 men for release within the division during the calendar year. The maximum totals call for 2,338 men in the first priority; 108 in the second; and 1,390 in the third. Releases, in the main, will be effected by December 10 in order that the men may reach their homes before the Xmas holiday season. As yet there is no information available as to how close the applications will come to the prescribed quotas.

After the applications have been filed and checked by the adjutant general's office, the men eligible for release are certified as such to their regiments. Then the process of final physical examinations, X-rays, completion of service records, checking of clothing and equipment and final pay off is started. This actually takes several days, but the process may be speeded up. From 200 to 300 are being certified daily to their regiments by the AGO, where Captain Andre B. Moore is handling the administrative details.

Men in the third priority, those who were 28 on or prior to July 1, 1941, and prior to their induction, are in effect being released in the greatest numbers so far, for the checking of their status is a simple matter. On the other hand, hardship and dependency cases, which fall in the first priority, require extensive investigation by the Red Cross and other agencies and for that reason require more time in consummation. However, first priority men will be the only ones released during the maneuvers in the Carolinas, the same procedure (Continued on page four)

Drivers Asked To Keep Off New Grades and Ditches

Truck drivers and operators of pleasure cars have been asked to refrain from driving over recently covered grades and ditches. The entire drainage system has been revamped during the past two months.

Since the return from maneuvers, many ditches have been ruined by driving vehicles through them, washing and greasing, or driving over soft shoulders. Numerous instances have been observed that vehicles have not used the approaches to the motor parks, but have driven through ditches and broken the edges of armored roads.

Sergeant's Whistle Calls Two Units

The new selectees in Company B, 124th Inf., will have to learn the sound of their new master's voice. When the first sergeant of nearby Company A blew his whistle and ordered the company to fall out the new members of Company B fell out also.

Both new and old men were strangers to each other so there was some confusion, for awhile, as to who belonged where.

To Publish 114th Dragons In Camp

The Mississippi Dragon, official newspaper of the 114th Field Artillery, will be published while the regiment is in camp. Tentative plans are to suspend publication while the regiment is on maneuvers in Carolina and resume publication permanently upon completion of the maneuvers.

Lieutenant Surrounded By Lieutenants



Sure soldier, they're soldiers! Every one of 'em. Yes, they're nurses, all except the man—he's a doctor, at the base hospital. Left to right, they are: First Lt. Joseph Larkin, Nurses Helen Gleichman, Jeanne Gouger, Lynn Barlow and Betty Emmitt, all Second Lieutenants. A far cry from Louisiana maneuvers, this scene. It will only be a matter of time till enlisted men's beaches will resemble this, with completion of improvements now in progress.

Released Man May Continue Army Insurance

Captain C. W. Springer, aide de camp to Major General John C. Persons and division insurance officer, this week advised all members of the 31st Division that the Veterans Administration Bureau has given any person on active duty the right to subscribe for additional army insurance or, if not carrying any now, the right to apply for a policy 120 days from August 18th, or by December 17th.

Recently arrived selectees are eligible for policies at any time up to 120 days following their induction.

Captain Springer explained that several revisions have been brought about by the congressional act extending the length of service and the War Department release policy.

To men getting discharges he advised immediate notification of the Veterans Administration Bureau, Washington, D. C., of change in address and return to civilian status. The insurance and benefits would still be in effect, he said, and premiums must continue to be paid, these to the Veterans' (Continued on page four)

Sergeant Earned \$175 On His Hobby

Dan Daniels, Sergeant in charge of motor parts for the Second Battalion, 116th Field Artillery of Service and Ammunition Battery, is a whittler of great talent. In his spare hours he carves miniatures from wood.

Last year Sergeant Daniels' wood carving was photographed for the Tampa Tribune. He earned over \$175.00 from his hobby. Some of his best work is carving miniature boots and saddles, inspired by the South Florida Championship Rodeo held at his home town every July 4th.

156th Regiment Poses For Pictures

Members of 156th Infantry regiment recently had pictures taken for the regimental yearbook, which is to contain a record of the units service at Camp Blanding.

To be issued immediately upon the return of the troops from the Carolina maneuvers, the annual will contain, in addition to pictures of all the men of the regiment, a regimental history and activity scenes within the organization.

Chief of Staff Says

Following telegram received from Headquarters IV Army Oct. 15th, 1941. Leaves or furloughs may be granted without restriction by commander authorized to grant such leaves or furloughs. Provided that all personnel returns to their organization prior to departure for the Carolina maneuvers. All previous instructions in conflict with the above are revoked. Signed General Griswold.

Buy Some Or More National Service Insurance

Restriction have been lifted. All persons in the military service can now buy or increase their insurance up to \$10,000.00. Captain Springer, Division Insurance Officer has started another of his insurance campaigns which will run until December 17th, 1941. After this time no more insurance can be bought. Buy insurance now, you know the reasons for having it better than I can tell you.

156th Corporal Made Staff Sergeant

Corp. Anthony J. Shelemi, Co. L, 156th Infantry was recently promoted to staff sergeant. Sgt. Shelemi was inducted last February and after completing his basic training was elevated to corporal. He is mess sergeant in the Shreveport company.

REVELLERS PROGRAM

An entertainment program for the enlisted men was held at the 31st Division Service Club, Sunday, October 12. The program was furnished by Jack Dew of Southern Dairies and included the Reveille Revelers.

Four Signal Company Men Sent To Signal School, Later To England

Four Mobile soldiers with the 31st Division Signal Company this week received an order that will send them to a three-month school, commission them as second lieutenants, and then hurry them to England, 3000 miles away.

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Selected to represent their division at the Fort Monmouth, New Jersey Signal School, the men will be sent to England following graduation and commis-

Gen. Griswold Speaks To Officers On Leadership

By Corp. C. D. Pou
Major General Oscar W. Griswold, recently appointed IV Army Corps commander, in his first appearance before assembled officers of the two Camp Blanding divisions in his command, Wednesday, listed what he considers the three most important phases of the American Army: Leadership, Morale, and Discipline.

These were the points that the General plans to emphasize as successor to Major General Jay L. Benedict, now serving as Ninth Corps Area commander on the Pacific coast.

The new commander spoke frankly to the officers of the 31st (Dixie) and 43rd (New England) divisions. He told them that he felt their banding in one corps was symbolic of an American (Continued on page four)

Hamburger Steak Made By Sergeant

The army has taught Sergeant Murrah Carter to overcome certain obstacles—but not all obstacles, so the sergeant says. Recently while enroute to his home in Troy, Ala., the sergeant was driving a car filled with "furlough-bound" soldiers when their heretofore pleasant trip was brought to a rude and sudden stop by the impact of auto and cow. Fortunately none were injured and the automobile suffered very little damage. Ah! but the poor cow is now hamburger.

Convoy Motor March To Carolina Games Will Start Friday

War Department Survey For Non-Com House Project

A survey of non-commissioned officers and civil service employees at Camp Blanding has just been completed with a view to building permanent-type quarters for them and their families.

The War Department wanted the information from which it could compile data for recommendation to the Emergency Housing Administration and such a survey was initiated.

Last week, Raymond Schwartz chief market analyst for the Federal Housing Administration with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., came here to follow up the survey in an effort to press for action as quickly as possible.

Capt. A. L. Oliver, Camp Blanding Officer, released figures which showed that there were on

the post 93 single and 156 married regular army non-commissioned officers of the first three grades; 621 single and 634 married in the national guard; and 304 single and 801 married civil service employees.

There already has been appropriated some \$600,000,000 for quarters for these two groups in camps over the country and an additional bill is pending in Washington for these in addition to officers. No survey of officers has been taken here yet.

Capt Oliver explained that any such quarters probably would be apartments and of such construction that they could be dismantled after the emergency—if need be—and reconstructed elsewhere, thus effecting a considerable financial saving.

Soldiers Buy \$10,000 Defense Bonds A Month

Soldiers of the 31st (Dixie) Division here are not only preparing to fight for Uncle Sam on the battlefields, but are helping pay for his defense program as well by purchasing large amounts of defense stamps and bonds. Brady M. Bryan, superintendent of the Camp Blanding postoffice revealed today.

"Large numbers of soldiers are investing part of their pay with their government," Bryan said. "About \$20,000 worth of defense stamps and bonds have been sold from our postoffice here in the last two months. A large part of these sales were made during the past two weeks since the two Divisions returned from Louisiana maneuvers."

Explaining the stamps and bonds, the superintendent told how savings, or defense stamps, can be bought either in ten cent, 25 cent, 50 cent, \$1.00 or \$5.00 denominations. The postoffice furnishes a booklet in which the stamps may be glued for safe-keeping. "In the event of any (Continued on page four)

117th Shows Power Of Artillery Fire

The First and Second Battalions of the 117th F. A. fired demonstration problems on the Artillery range. The Second Battalion fired through a 200 yard zone and the First Battalion fired a concentration on the center zone. All Infantrymen who have doubt of the effectiveness of Artillery fire would be much less doubtful if they could have seen this demonstration.

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Two Rail Units Will Leave Camp Next Tuesday

Division Headquarters have released the march schedule for the trek to South Carolina. An advance party, comprised mainly of the 106th Engineers, will leave by motor Friday. The first echelon leaves a week from today, and the first rail party departs a day later.

The trip to the division's base at Great Falls, South Carolina, will be made with one overnight stop at Swainsboro, Ga. Four echelons will journey by truck convoys and two by rail. The latter elements will move out on October 28 and 29.

Woolen uniforms will be worn, less blouse and campaign hat. Gas masks and mosquito bars will be left behind, but helmets and fatigue clothing will be carried, each man being allowed one bar-racks bag for his possessions.

All units will be paid in South Carolina on November 1.

The bivouac area, some 434 miles from Camp Blanding is located between Columbia and Chester, S. C., and the new postoffice address will be APO No. 31, Columbia, S. C.

Other parts of the IV Army Corps troops, stationed at Blanding will travel with the 31st, and no little part of Lt. Col. George W. McRory's problem in supervising the movement will be the task of moving the big guns of the 74th Field Artillery Brigade, weighing some 30,000 pounds to flat railroad cars.

Below is the schedule for both motor and rail elements:

Advance Party Departs October 24:

106th Engr. Regt.
204th MP Co.
Det. 106th QM. Regt.
First Echelon Departs October 27:
Hq. & Hq. Co. 31st Div. (less Dets.)
Hq. Sp. Troops.
31st Sig. Co.
31st Recon. Det.
106th Med. Regt. (less Dets.)
106th Ord. Co.
Hq. & Hq. Det. & Co. A, 83rd Qm. Bn. (LM)
Hq. & Hq. Det. 4th Ord. Bn.
58th Med. Bn.
Dets. 106th QM. Regt.
74th F. A. Brig. (less 179th & 172nd F. A., less rail elements)
Second Echelon Departs October 28:
61st Inf. Brig. Hq. & Hq. Co.
155th Inf. (less rail elements)
156th Inf.
31st M. P. Co. (less two plats.)
Dets. 106th QM. Regt.
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Third Echelon Departs October 29:
62nd Inf. Brig. Hq. & Hq. Co.
124th Inf. (less rail elements)
167th Inf. (less rail elements)
172nd F. A. Regt.
Dets. 106th QM. Regts.
One Plat., 31st M. P. Co.
Prov. Trk. Co. (56th F. A. Brig.)
Fourth Echelon Departs October 30:
55th F. A. Brig. Hq. & Hq. Btry.
114th F. A.
116th F. A.
117th F. A.
106th QM. Regt. (less Dets.)
Dets. Hq. & Hq. Co., 31st Div.
One Plat. 31st M. P. Co.
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Discharged Men Well Clothed

Announcement was made this week by the War Department of the articles of clothing which honorably discharged enlisted men will be permitted to retain permanently.

Major General John C. Persons, commander of the division, has directed that released men be suitably equipped, so that they may return to their homes in proper clothing and presenting a good appearance.

The list includes:
1 barracks bag.
1 web waist belt.
1 field cap or service cap with cap insignia; or service hat with hat cord.
1 insignia set, collar insignia, sleeve (sewed on)
1 field jacket or wool coat.
1 mackinaw or overcoat (if required for warmth)
2 shirts (one of which may be wool if in his possession)
1 trousers or breeches (wool or cotton)
All gloves, handkerchiefs, neckties, boots, shoes, socks, underwear and toilet set including towels.

Officers May Buy Uniforms At Warehouse No. 6

Thirty-First Division officers may purchase military clothing at Warehouse No. 6, the Division Sales Office announced today. A special department has been set up in this building. It is under the direction of Capt. K. D. Colson.

Samples of officer's clothing is displayed on a special board. Dressing rooms have been made in the building. The only garment not available at the present time is the new field jacket. As soon as all the troops have been supplied, they will be placed on sale. All sales are cash. Checks will be accepted.

Two Artillerymen Picked By Corps.

Fourth Corps chose two from the 117th Field Artillery for accounting work. Second Lieut. Frank Coffield and Cpl. Howell R. Riggs. They reported for duty in Jacksonville last week.

MINUTE MEN

It was only a question of minutes late Wednesday night for 167th soldiers to get packed and ready to be on their way when it was announced that furloughs were to be issued that night. By car, bus, and train, and few by foot they started their long trek for home in the wee small hours of the morning.

Artillerymen Give Their Impressions Of Louisiana

In a recent interview of a group of Alabama Artillerymen, of the 117th Field Artillery, concerning new points of the Louisiana maneuver the following conclusions were drawn:

Most looked-for travel event—crossing the Mississippi River; Most beautiful city—Port St. Louis, Miss.; Most tempting sight—huge fields of Louisiana sugar cane; Most beautiful girls—Mobile, Ala.; Worst "phases" of the maneuver—red bugs, mosquitoes and ticks; Most beautiful sight—Camp Blanding upon return!

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HAIL AND FAREWELL

While the men of the 31st hurry home on furloughs and those remaining in camp prepare for the month in the Carolinas, changes are taking place in this division of ours. Everyday new faces are appearing while men we know pack their belongings for departure into the civilian world.

We can pass over the goodbyes lightly. Those men who marched with us, fought with us and lived with us don't need to be told of the job they did. Men who have been through what soldiers of the 31st have faced know things like that without a lot of telling. We can just extend our best wishes, bid them godspeed and give each a slap on the back for work well done.

But the men who move into their vacated bunks face the hard task. They are entering a crack division, an outfit as proud of its reputation as it is of the traditions of the south. This is the Dixie Division. It has proven itself by test.

These new soldiers are replacing veterans of Louisiana. They come into our ranks to begin a severe maneuver. They will be compared with men who have been successful. It is up to the men who still remain to show them the ropes. They are willing to learn, anxious to fit in. You old men of the 31st can make it possible for them to be real Dixie Division soldiers.

Some of these boys come from other sections. This makes it even tougher to enter into the full spirit of things immediately. It will sometimes take patience, understanding and determination to click. But they are here for the same purpose the rest of us are; to make a great army. All they ask is help.

And to those new men: You will find the new comrades you join ready to help you. They are experienced, field hardened. Their interest now is in getting you shaped into a working part of this precision machine we call the Dixie Division. They have personally built our outfit into one of the greatest units of the army. They, and the men you replace, expect that reputation to be jealously guarded. Those men who leave will be watching the papers, following your exploits to see that they passed the baton into good hands. We welcome you into our unit. We are glad to have you. We hope your soldiering days with us will be pleasant. But we expect a lot in return; we expect you to be a true Dixie soldier, a high mark at which to shoot.

Basketball Team Plans For Season

Members of Company A, 156th Inf., basketball team at this early date are giving much thought to prospects for the cage this season. The Louisiana quintet will be open for games this season soon after Carolina maneuvers.

Last season the basketball team was undefeated in 22 games. Sgt. A. D. Lard, who has been promoted to Second Lt. captained the team. Other star players who must be replaced for one reason or another are: Sgt. Joe Robertson, and Corp. Wilson Gilmore.

The team will be built around Pfc. Pete Romano, high scorer of the club, Sgt. Milton Crochet, Sgt. Walter Bernard, Sgt. Paul Hanagriff, Pvt. A. S. Desendorf, Pfc. Paul Polissant and First Sgt. William C. Termond.

Two Selectees Join 116th Band

Two selective service soldiers who completed basic training at Ft. Bragg, N. C., joined 116th F. A. Band last week. They are Pvt. Joseph Harakel of Hazelton, Pa., who plays the cornet, and Pvt. Carlo Fattibone of Philadelphia who plays the drum. Harakel at one time played with Barry McKinley's band.

Train Bell Calls Battery To Mess

A large bell, a war prize of Louisiana, War Games summons members of Service Battery, 1st Bn., 114th F. A. to mess instead of the First Sergeant's whistle. The bell was found on an old train, which was rusting near the scene of the battle of Montrose,

Second Lt. Drysdale Earned Bar In 8 Months To Go To England

Nineteen Trucks Convoy 156th Reg. To Football Game

Approximately 300 men of Louisiana's 156th Infantry Regiment were conveyed from Camp Blanding to Gainesville to see the Florida-Villanova game last weekend.

The convoy, with recreation as its purpose, was made up of 19 trucks of the regimental Service Company and was under the direction of 2nd Lt. Gustave Gehr of New Orleans, recreational officer for the regiment.

The convoy left Camp Blanding at 5:15 p. m., and was met at the city limits by a motorcycle escort which cleared traffic to the stadium.

The trucks returned to Camp Blanding at 2:15 a. m., Sunday morning.

Newsboys Know Birmingham Best, Soldiers Learn

It takes the newsboy to know his home town. Pvt. Noble McCuan, Cecil White and Jack White of Headquarters Battery, 114th F. A. learned this recently when they tried to find the USO Club in Birmingham, Ala.

First they asked a doorman at the Tutwiler Hotel. He said he did not know, but phoned the desk clerk from the lobby to see if he knew its location. The clerk could not help, but said he would ask a guest. The guest asked a friend. Finally a cop appeared on the scene. He did not know, but said a taxi driver on the corner might help. By this time the sidewalk was blocked by people who were trying to help the soldiers.

And then a small newsboy walked up, learned the reason for the gathering and said the USO was around the corner.

The soldiers thanked everyone and left for the service men's organization. There they saw a sign which read "USO Campaign Headquarters. Make Your Donations Here. The building had not been completed for soldiers.

Soldiers Stop Search For Seats When Band Plays Nat'l Anthem

The several thousand spectators at the University of Florida-Villanova game last Saturday night, were impressed by soldiers who halted in their search for seats when the national anthem was played. All stood at attention until the end of the piece.

Many were amused by a pantomime staged by a soldier with camera and an M. P. who tried to stop him from walking across the field. The military officer had almost reached the man, when the University of Florida alma mater was played. The soldier took off his cap and stood at attention, and payed no attention to the irate M. P. When the piece was completed he continued his way across the gridiron into the stands where he calmly sat down.

Announce Promotions In 56th Brigade

Capt. John G. Schaffer, new commanding officer of Hq. Btry, 56th Brig. recently announced these promotions in his unit: Staff Sergeant Woodson A. Sadler to Master Sergeant; Staff Sgt. Merle A. Landross to Technical Sergeant; Sgt. John L. Bogle to Staff Sergeant; Sgt. Albin J. Ebi to Staff Sergeant; Sgt. Robert E. Pollard to Staff Sergeant; Pvt. Ralph T. Rogers to Staff Sergeant; Corp. Walter A. Maddox to Sergeant; Corp. Dan Stromes to Sergeant; Pvt. James Denmark to Corporal; Pfc. Jesse W. Tuten, to Corporal; Pfc. Walter D. Lang, to Corporal.

167th Men To Swing And Sway Friday

The 167th Inf., completed arrangements this week for a dance to be held in the 31st Division Service Club, Friday evening, Oct. 24th.

Plans include a "Lead out" procession headed by Regimental Commander, Col. Walter B. Thompson and specialty number during intermissions. Master Sergeant Riley Howell heads the committee in charge.

ENTERTAINS SOLDIERS

The Jolly Set Club of Jacksonville, Florida entertained to celebrate the return of their army friends from the Louisiana maneuvers last Saturday night. Capt. J. C. Daniels of the 106th Medical Regiment was the guest of honor.

Selective service private in March to second lieutenant in October is the achievement of Taylor Drysdale of Miami, Fla., and the (31st) Division, Second Lieutenant Drysdale has left Camp Blanding for the U. S. Signal School at Ft. Mammouth, N. J., where he will take special courses for a month. He will then leave for England to train as an observer with an aircraft warning corps.

The newly commissioned officer, one of the few in the entire Army to receive such a rating in so short a time, was first assigned to the Service Company, 124th Infantry, and later transferred to the 31st Signal Company. Here he was made a corporal and on the return of his unit from the Louisiana maneuvers appeared before a Special Examining Board, which granted him his commission.

A native of Highland Park, Mich., Lt. Drysdale is 27 years of age and a graduate of the University of Michigan, where he received a degree in mechanical engineering. He is an expert swimmer and was a member of two American Olympic Games teams, representing this country in pool events in Los Angeles in 1932 and in Berlin, Germany, in 1936.

Tentatively scheduled to remain in England from six months to a year, Lt. Drysdale will serve the Army as an instructor in aircraft warning techniques on his return to this country.

"Everything Happens To Us"

(To the tune of "Everything Happens To Me")
I joined the National Guard, to serve my country for a year, Congress seemed to like us so they say they'll keep us here, What's the use to start in griping, what's the use to shed a tear, Everything Happens to Us.

They sent us to Maneuvers in the state of Louisiana
We fought the bugs, we crawled through mud, we dreamed of Florida sand,
If they ask us who we are, why we're Boys of Uncle Sam but Everything Happens to Us.

I'm looking for a hostess, the ones they told us all about, But all I get is K. P., and to hear the top-kick shout,
Get up you lazy goldbrick and then he says fall-out
Why everything happens to us.

Someday I'll be a free man with a discharge in my hand,
They say that day is coming, but they never had said when,
And when it finally gets here, I will probably join again,
Everything happens to us.

At The Theatres This Week

Florida Theatre
Mon., Tues., Oct. 20-21—"Caught in the Draft," Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour.
Wed., Thurs., Oct. 22-23—"Wild Geese Calling," Joan Bennett, Henry Fonda.
Fri., Sat., Oct. 24-25—"Underground" and "The Smiling Ghost," Double feature.
Sun., Mon., Oct. 26-27—"Belle Starr," Gene Tierney, Randolph Scott.

Park Theatre
Mon., Tues., Oct. 20-21—"Parachute Battalion," Robert Preston, Nancy Kelly.
Wed., Thurs., Oct. 22-23—"Sing Another Chorus," Johnny Downs, Mischa Auer. Also stage show: "Milo Twin's Radio Varieties."
Fri., Sat., Oct. 24-25—"Romance of the Rio Grande" and "Two Gun Troubadour"
Sat., Oct. 25—Midnight Show: "South of Panama."
Sun., Mon., Oct. 26-27—"It Started With Eve," Deanna Durbin, Chas. Laughton.

Ritz Theatre
Mon., Oct. 20—"Out of the Fog," John Garfield.
Tues., Wed., Oct. 21-22—Double feature: "Broadway Limited" and "Officer & The Lady."
Sat., Oct. 25—Double Feature: "Phantom Cowboy" and "Hit the Road."
Sun., Mon., Oct. 26-27—"Blossoms in the Dust."

31st DIVISION THEATER
Monday—"Lady Be Good" with Anne Sothern and Robert Young. Also Popeye Cartoon.
Tuesday and Wednesday—"Caught in the Draft" with Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour. Also Information Please.
Thursday—"Unfinished Business" with Irene Dunne and Robert Montgomery. Color Cartoon.
Friday and Saturday—Double Feature—"Law of the Range" with Johnny Mack Brown and "Let's Go Collegiate" with Frankie Darrow and Marie May Jones. Popular Science Cartoon.

Recreation Fund Allocated To Regiments

Captain Ben Hudson, 31st recreation officer, has announced the use to which the \$5,000 allotted by the War Department for the division's recreational needs will be put. Organizations will be given equipment according to their numerical strength and requests, and requisition has already been made to the Quartermaster for the articles.

These include such items as 97 radios, 60 basketball uniforms, 178 checkerboards, 36 bridge tables, 9 amplifying systems, 21 dozen table tennis balls and other sports equipment. Also included is the expenditure of \$450.00 for writing paper and envelopes printed with the Dixie Division emblem.

Following is a list of the items which will be received by each regiment:

Special Troops: four radios, eight checker boards, eight domino sets, ten basketball uniforms, six dozen ping pong balls, and stationery. The 117th Field Artillery: one public address system, two basketballs, 30 checker boards, 30 domino sets, 15 dozen ping pong balls, ten basketball uniforms, 26 bridge tables with checker board engraved on top, and four table tennis sets.

The 116th Field Artillery: one public address system, ten basketball uniforms, and stationery. The 114th Field Artillery: 13 radios and stationery. The 106th Quartermaster regiment: one public address system, 30 checker boards, 30 domino sets, and stationery. The 106th Engineers: one public address system, 20 checker boards, 20 domino sets, and stationery.

The 106th Medical regiment: one public address system, 20 domino sets, ten bridge tables with checkerboard engraved on top, and stationery. The 124th Infantry: one public address system, 20 radios, 80 checker boards, 80 domino sets, and stationery. The 167th Infantry: one public address system, 20 radios, and ten basketball uniforms.

The 155th Infantry: one public address system, 20 radios, and ten basketball uniforms. The 156th Infantry: one public address system, 20 radios, and ten basketball uniforms.

Spend Your Leisure Hours At

National Catholic Community Center, Starke. Open to all denominations. There you can enjoy ping-pong pavilion, six lane bowling alley, dance floor, reading, badminton courts, two tennis courts, hand ball, volley ball courts and showers. Father Murphy is in charge of activities.

Jacksonville N. C. S. operated USO Club, Church and Newman streets. This club offers swimming pool, punching bag, boxing gloves, writing material, reading matter, and social activities to all members of the Armed Forces. Register the next time you are in the city. Cards are sent you to let you know when special events will be held.

Salvation Army - USO Club—Above the Orange Bus Station. Salvation Army Jacksonville Beach. Dormitory facilities for twenty-five cents a night. Jewish Welfare USO Club, Laura and Ashley streets. Dances every Saturday night at 8:30.

Y. M. C. A., 130 Monroe street, dances every Saturday night from 7:30 to 12:00.

Masonic Army and Navy Service Men's Club, 20 W. Duval street. Frequent dances and other entertainment.

At Starke USO
Monday—Letter writing night. Magazines will be given to all who want them.

Tuesday chorus singing. Men are invited to join this group. A concert will be presented at a date to be announced.

Wednesday—The Young Women's Club of Starke will present a special program each Wednesday at the USO.

Thursday—Informal dancing. Friday—Bridge Night, Partners and instructors will be furnished.

Saturday evening—Dance at USO headquarters with RAFE Flying Cadets as Guests of honor. Dixie Division men are invited. Sunday 5-6 p. m. song service. 6-6:30 Vesper Service. 6:30-7:00 Refreshments served by USO.

Six Promotions In Q. M. Regiment

Capt. John W. Snyder, commanding officer of Co. C, 106th Q. M., recently announced the following promotions in his unit: Paul Miller, staff Sergeant, John L. Richardson and Edwin S. Dunlop, Sergeants. New Corporals are John E. McDaniel, Louis Holt and George Maurer.



As goodbyes are being said all over the camp, it is only natural that a newspaperman have his say in the most accustomed manner; with a typewriter.

With a slight feeling of envy, a heck of a lot of gratitude and a hearty "good luck" the Press Section sees five men leave. Somehow, I can't believe things can quite be the same. Without them, some of that old color goes. And we aren't making cracks about their skin pigment.

It could be true in any outfit here. They are anxious to get back to their business. Civilian clothes and other luxuries will be an everyday thing. We are glad to see them get the chance. But there is just a moment when you have to say the final sentence that everything changes and regrets are left in control.

The Press Section is a peculiar setup. The men are necessarily placed upon their own initiative, with results depending upon ability. Through two months of maneuvers, The Dixie was published and news was released to home town papers in four states.

And at times like this, scenes of the past keep coming to mind: Thatcher, trying to cover the transient Engineers and Medical regiments while they spread over miles of the Pelican State. His handful of notes and the intense expression as he chased down a feature. Private Gene Thatcher returns to his city of New Orleans, ready to become John Q. Citizen again.

Traylor, full of tales about Miami, and even more crammed with longing to return to the magic city. When the pressure was on and copy was scarce, message center never failed to deliver a bundle of yellow paper, containing news of the boys in the 124th. Charles Traylor, Esq. now.

There's George Siegel, the New York Guy who adopted the Dixie Division. His was the assignment of getting news to the Alexandria Daily Town Talk. His job was so well done that the 31st division had fifty percent of the space devoted to the army during War Games. With his Broadway accent and Brooklyn leanings, Damon Runyon could well have been his creator. George still pounds a typewriter in the office daily, waiting for the ink to dry on a slip of paper which will sign "30" to his work for The Dixie.

And there's Eddie Pharr. His was the responsibility of getting photographs developed and often he was forced to go behind the enemy lines. He stuck at his job during those days in the swamps.

Last, but far from least, we lost Private Wilmer Goff. Happy-go-lucky, he took the army in stride. When things seemed a little too serious, he always had a crack to take the sting out of things. Somehow, he always had a reserve store of energy when the rest were exhausted. With no relief, he once went forty-nine hours without sleep to keep the presses rolling.

Since the early days when The Dixie was suffering growing pains and Goff and the writer were the enlisted personnel, he has come through when the hard hours came around. He hates to leave The Dixie, the paper will suffer for his going. But that's newspaper work.

So, out of the men who filed by to be interviewed by Lieutenant Hodding Carter, himself departed to Washington, only a few of us remain. First Lieutenant O. C. McDavid, called the day General Persons decided to establish a Press Section, continues chief of the organization. New men have come in to take the vacant places. They too are interested in their jobs. There is no chance for military advancement, our work being a special duty assignment, but they are essentially newspapermen at heart.

We who remain recall a lot of things. Times like the day the Press Section arrived to print the paper three hundred miles from base camp and the entire week's copy had fallen out of the truck. With the deadline at hand, minds had to be racked to remember details of stories. The entire paper was written in an afternoon. Fingers ached and heads were ready to split, but somehow The Dixie was printed. Then copy for civilian papers had to be prepared.

Things like these can't be erased by a discharge. Arguments, differences of opinion and other trivialities are forgotten. Our little section could well be a sample of the entire division. Mutual respect and a lot of swell memories will hold a long time. Good luck gang and remember—it's still your outfit.

Always A Meal In Louisiana Swamps

When supplies failed to reach five men of Service company, 156th Infantry during the last problem they improvised frogs from odds and ends around their camp area, borrowed flashlights and went out to spear their own supper.

The frogging party, bagged 13 amphibians. Hunters included Staff Sgt. Tommy Thompson, Sgt. Richard Baker, Pvt. Francis Brechtel, Pvt. Jasper Mule, Pvt. Pete Thompson and Pvt. Ray Lee, all from Alexandria.

GO TO FORT SILL

Pfc. Floyd Bowman and Pfc. Robert E. Murphy of 56th Brigade Headquarters Battery will leave soon to report to Fort Sill, Oklahoma where they will take special three month courses. Pvt. Bowman will enter the Motor Mechanics school and Pvt. Murphy the communication specialists school. Classes start October 20th.

The 31st Signal Company laid 2,000 miles of wire on maneuvers this summer. Their longest single laying was a 150 mile network laid in the Calvin section.

Issue Winter Clothing In Division

Supply sergeants in the Dixie Division are issuing winter clothing to the personnel of the division, preparatory to transporting the men to N. Carolina for Nov. maneuvers. The boys are being issued wool serge dress coat and trousers, wool overcoats, wool-lined zipper jackets, and wool gloves. They already have wool underwear, shirts, socks and blankets. Mechanics will also have wool mackinaws.

C. of C. To Be Host To Newspapermen

The Press Sections of the 31st and 43rd divisions were honored guests Wednesday evening at a buffet supper and entertainment tendered by the Starke Chamber of Commerce. The affair was held at Pat's Chili Parlor.

Chief entertainer at the function was Private Albert Pugliese, Company D, 124th Infantry, a star accordionist who led an orchestra at Pan & Bill's, Miami Beach, before induction.

106th Engineers To Battle On Kingsley Shores

The 106th Combat Engineers will wage battle on Kingsley Lake and its shores all day today with assault boats loaded with troops who will practice landings, attacks, and the protection of engineer operations on hospital beach.

The purpose of the water maneuver will be to demonstrate how boats may be used to both attack and protect a place accessible by water. One other phase of the program is showing how engineers can build pontoon bridges, and bridges under fire.

More than 300 officers and men will be involved in the mock battle, which is scheduled to begin at 8 a. m. and continued throughout most of the day.

The boats to be used are of ply wood construction, weigh 200 lbs and hold 11 armed soldiers in addition to crew members. The crafts are powered by outboard motors.

The light boats are easily transported, 10 to a truck. They fit telescope style, one inside the other.

The boats will operate singly, in twos, and then lashed together, five to a unit.

His Friend Took Too Good Care Of Co-Ed Friend

You can trust you buddy with your shirts, ties and even lend him \$5, but you can't count on him when it comes to entertaining your girl, Corp. Gerald Elliott learned recently.

The non-commissioned officer, Sgt. John Lake Bogle and Pvt. T. L. Williams all of 56th Brigade Headquarters, members of a trio sang for Gov. and Mrs. Spessard Holland in Tallahassee at a reception while the troops were encamped in the state capital, enroute to Camp Blanding.

Corp. Elliott had a date with a Florida State College girl, and because he could not entertain her the early part of the evening asked his friend to do it until he finished singing at the governors mansion. Much to Elliott's disgust, his friend and girl met him at the appointed place several hours late and nine minutes before she had to check into her dormitory.

Dixie Composer Transfers To 167th

Pvt. John Lawrence, well known music composer of the 31st Division who wrote the music for "The Dixie Division March," was transferred this week to the 167th Infantry from the 155th Infantry, according to announcement today from 167th Infantry headquarters.

Pvt. Lawrence has appeared often on various radio programs singing and playing his own compositions. He is at present under contract to a music publishing house.

Col. Spengler States He's Proud of Regt.

Col. J. H. Spengler commanding officer of the 106th Q. M. Regiment stated in the Journal, weekly publication of the unit that "I think that the manner in which the regiment performed their work is indicative of a high spirit morale. The fact that they perform their arduous duties uncomplainingly demonstrates conclusively that they are the highest type of soldier. I am proud to be commanding officer of such a group of men."

Private Has Odd Hobby

Medical Detachment 116th Field Artillery of Tampa has an odd hobby.

The thing started on the Louisiana maneuvers when Dediego was drinking a popular drink and spied the name of a city on the bottom of the bottle. He inspected several others and saw they bore different names of cities and towns. Up to this date he has 69 bottles from that many different cities.

Private Dediego was asked how he managed to get and keep all the bottles, he replied, "I examine every bottle and when necessary I buy it from the store keeper." He added, "I have already had to buy several crates to keep the bottles."

PRICED FOR SOLDIERS

Starke High School football team will meet Reddick eleven Friday night under lights at Starke Stadium. The kick-off is set for 8 o'clock. Men in uniform will be charged twenty-five cents.

Capt. Catherine Sinott Has Been In Army For Twenty-Five Years

By Corp. E. Martin Meadows

The nurse in the picture is Captain Catherine Sinott, a veteran in the United States Army with 25 years service, dating back to the World War.

Nurse Sinott holds the title of Captain and like other officers of the same rank wears two silver bars. She arrived for duty at Camp Blanding Station Hospital October 6th.

Captain Sinott joined the army in Nashville, Tennessee, her native state, in 1917. Previous to her enlistment, she was Assistant Superintendent at the St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville. She sailed for France with Nashville's Vanderbilt hospital, going first to Savanay, France, to serve in the capacity of Chief of hospital center. In the center were eight hospitals, employing 950 nurses and accommodating 9,000 to 11,000 patients. She remained there nine months, going next to Dijon, France; to Never, France and later with a Surgical team to just back of the lines, the closest women were allowed to get to the front. Here she slept in tents like the hardest of soldiers and helped carry on the strenuous work of the surgeon under fire.

After the armistice was signed, Nurse Sinott's next assignment was in Paris, where she was chief nurse at Hospital 121. She continued in the Army Service when she returned to this country at Camp Dix, N. J., and the Army



Dispensary in Washington, the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, Hot Springs, Arkansas and Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Captain Sinott came from Fort Sam Houston to Blanding.

Working under Nurse Sinott at the Base hospital are three other chief nurses, First Lieutenants Mrs. Ames, Miss Roth and Miss Wallace. Another 185 nurses

work under the supervision of Capt. Sinott.

"I think this is one of the best camp hospitals I have seen anywhere in the country," she states. "I also think the troops here are very soldierly. They always look neat and carry themselves like real soldiers. I am sure I shall enjoy every minute of my work at Camp Blanding."

Sergeant Given Long Furlough To Work In Sugar Refinery

By Pvt. E. J. Land

For the next thirty days at least, Sgt. Gilman Trahan, of Co. E, 156th Inf., Regiment will be on a special furlough to fill a special position in Louisiana's sugar industry.

Before induction into the army ten months ago with the Jeanerette, La., National Guard unit, Trahan was employed in the Iberia Sugar Cooperative as a sugar engineer. When the sugar season neared, the plant manager attempted to find someone to take the non-com's place. He looked everywhere, sent out many letters and in general canvassed the industry.

His search was in vain. The army had taken most of the specialized workers of the sugar industry. Finally in desperation, the manager wrote the War Department and explained his predicament. After many months of correspondence the furlough was granted for thirty days or longer, depending on the time necessary to complete his work.

During the time Trahan is employed in the sugar industry, he will draw no pay from the Army. He will be paid by the cooperative. He must wear army clothes during this furlough.

Fire Reporting Phones Installed

Fire reporting telephones have been installed throughout the post. These telephones may also be used to call ambulances or military police in cases of emergency.

All sentries will be given special orders to call in these telephones on their initial tour of guard duty in order that they may familiarize themselves with their location.

Division Tells How To Mark Water Carriers

Officers and enlisted men have been requested by Division Headquarters to comply with an order covering the marking of 5-gallon gasoline cans and water cans.

Central carrying handles shall be striped with orange-yellow paint. The letter "W" now on the side of all water cans shall be painted orange-yellow. The letter "W" will be painted in red or orange-yellow on any 5-gallon cans which are used for water and which have the letter "G" on the side.

Jumps From Pfc. To Staff Sergeant

Pvt. 1cl. George E. Montgomery of Company M, 124th Infantry, a recent graduate of an army cooking school, has been promoted to mess sergeant, with a staff sergeant's rating. Pvt. A. K. Dryden, also of the kitchen force, has been promoted to Pvt. 1cl. with fourth class specialist rating.

MILITARY COURTESY

One evening last week Pvt. Fraser G. Schaulefe met another private on the walk in front of officers quarters, 124th Infantry. When they had advanced to within a few paces of each other, each came to a snappy salute and greeted the other with "good evening, sir". Then went on their way, both chuckling over the none too serious mistake.

Medical Unit Did not Mind This Assignment

According to a medical unit made up of Companies C, D, and G of the 106th Medical Regiment, the most interesting and exciting part of the maneuvers did not occur in Louisiana but only a few miles from Camp Blanding itself.

Fourteen men under the command of Lt. F. R. Braden of Company G, were left in Tallahassee Fla., to operate a medical aid station.

The unit served as escorts for State College women after duty hours. The girls said the army had caused a shortage of men.

The boys weathered a Florida tropical hurricane. Pup tents and officer tent, and a large hospital tent was pitched. Just as the boys were getting their early morning sleep, the hurricane struck. After battling for four hours to keep the tents up, the Medicos gave up in defeat and began to gather soaked equipment and scattered shelter halves and moved into the Armory where they lived in comfort for the remainder of their stay in Tallahassee.

Broke His Arm On Last Day Of Maneuvers

If it's an honor, Captain Ben W. Martin, commanding officer of the 31st Signal Company, would like to lay claim to the title of "the hard luck man" in the division. And not without reason.

On the last day in Louisiana, after two months of groping in the country's underbrush, under blackout, he broke his arm. In Oakdale, during the middle of the day, he slipped on a sidewalk.

Six Q. M. Men Leave For Officers School

Six members of the 106th Q. M. Regiment will leave soon for Quartermaster Officers' Training School at Fort Lee, Va. They are: Mr. Sgt. Paul M. Murell, Co. E, Tech. Sgt. James T. Grantham, Hq. Co., 1st Sgt. Marvin C. Bristler, Co. B.; Sgt. Henry C. Graves, Sgt. Hugh A. Huffstattle, Co. A. and Pvt. 1st class Paul A. Donin-gueux of E Company.

By Pvt. Fraser Schaulefe

Supply Sergeants of the Dixie Division have their hands full distributing new winter clothing, Requisitioning, sorting and issuing the clothes for a company of soldiers is trouble enough for any man, but this thing known as vanity is really causing the supply sergeants to run a high temperature. This time it's not only the fit of the clothing but the material as well that is causing a little neck in the supply tent.

Two kinds of winter trousers are being issued, the heavy woollens or old style and the highly desirable light serge. The serge matches the dress coat making a very neat uniform, whereas the rough woollens are a little off color. Everyone, of course, wants the serge.

When given a pair of the less desirable trousers the soldier quickly surveys the length and

waist size; if the waist is inclined to be too loose he draws himself in and exhibits the great space between himself and the waist band; if they fit snugly or correctly he expands his stomach until it is evident that such a size is out of the question.

Getting the wrong length is just as easy, short pants are pulled up and long ones are pushed down. This method, however, is reversed when the serge trousers are offered, an inch or so either way makes little difference. Size 31 x 33 in woollens might be too tight and too long, on the other hand size 30x34 in the serge is just right. "That's funny" says the sergeant. "Maybe they are stamping them wrong at the factory," adds the one with the new pants. The sergeant has his suspicions but who is he to dictate the way a man should wear his pants.

Absentee Ballot Will Permit Ala. Men To Cast Vote

Selectees and National Guards in federal service may vote by absentee ballot in any election held in their home precincts in the State of Alabama if they are qualified voters, announced Alabama's Attorney General, Thomas S. Lawson, this week.

The attorney general further advised that members of the National Guard were exempt from poll tax. Selectees are not. He suggested that soldiers who were not registered voters register while on leave in their home cities. Registration dates are Nov. 15 to Dec. 30, exclusive of holidays. Men have until Feb. 1, 1942 to pay delinquent poll taxes.

National Guardsmen who wish to register should secure a poll-tax exemption slip from their company commanders. This slip must be presented when the soldier registers.

Qualified voters serving in the U. S. Army and who are absent from their home precincts will be furnished absentee ballots upon request, the attorney general said. Election laws of Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi are similar.

Selectee Was Forgotten Man

Selectee Pvt. Woodrow Wees recently assigned to 156th Infantry was a man without a regiment several days last week.

"Why don't you go on home buddy. It doesn't look like you're in the army," suggested Staff Sgt. Bruce Wilder of the 167th Inf.

Sgt. Wilder couldn't find Pvt. Wees' name on the division order which assigned the selectees to regiments. He notified the Adjutant General's Office that he had one soldier he didn't know what to do with. While waiting orders Pvt. Wees followed the sergeant around for several hours, eating with him, bathing with him, and sitting quietly in a chair beside the sergeant's desk while he worked.

The recruit was finally assigned to the 156th Inf.

In Three Accidents In Months' Time

Sgt. H. W. Blackledge, of Btry. G, 114th F. A., is a hard luck auto passenger. Last month and while driving his girl in her father's care he was involved in an accident. The machine was completely demolished.

Last week Sgt. Blackledge went to see his girl and the Miss. State football game. On his way home he had a wreck in the girl's mother's car. On the return trip to Blanding, Sgt. Blackledge was forced to ride in an ambulance since he was slightly hurt. A prime mover got out of control and crashed into the ambulance.

Units To See Army Pictures

The 31st Signal Company began showing a series of illustrative army motion pictures this week that eventually will be seen, in part, by every man in the division.

Ranging from infantry drill to artillery fire the films are being projected by enlisted men of the Signal Company. While not all of the subjects listed will be viewed by soldiers some of the actual combat scenes may be shown. One anticipated reproduces a tank attack just prior to the fall of France.

Cancelled Furloughs Cancel Wedding

Pvt. Daniel McNamara, of Houma, La., a member of Co. C, 156th Infantry, had a reason to have the "blues" when furloughs were cancelled.

Pvt. McNamara had planned to be married while on furlough. When the order came out, he wired his future wife and cancelled his wedding day indefinitely.

Claims To Be Most Married Company

Claiming the record as the "most married" company in the U. S. Army is Company F, 167th Inf. from Gadsden, Ala. Since induction Nov. 25, 1940, 26 members of that command have married, according to 1st Sgt. Lyle Grigsby.

Pvts. 1st class Alton Mott and Albert C. King, Co. C, 167th Inf., of Salem, Ala., left recently to attend cooks and bakers school.

Pvt. Mott was ordered to Ft. Benning, Ga., while Pvt. King went to Camp Forrest, Tenn.

Gen. Marshall Gives Soldiers Ride

A long shiny, olive green car stopped for Sgt. Elvis McCoy and Corp. Grady Earrey of Battery C, 114th F. A. just outside of Tupelo, Miss. The officer in the back seat asked the soldiers where they were going.

"To Camp Blanding," they told him. As the large car rolled over the highway, the officer and the soldiers discussed the Louisiana maneuvers.

Just outside of Meriden, the car stopped for gas and the driver and the men got out. The driver turned to them and said "You knew you were riding with General Marshall, didn't you."

Gen. Marshall is Chief of Staff of the United States Army.

Wife and Girl Object to Fuzz On Upper Lip

The art of moustache farming was one of the favorite pastimes of the 31st (Dixie) Division soldiers during the Louisiana maneuvers. Boys who lacked the nerve to cultivate those "misplaced eyebrows" at camp tried to outdo each other in originality during war games.

Corp. Robert T. Lyle, of Winter Haven, in Battery F of the 116th, raised a prize moustache in Louisiana "I didn't have the nerve to show it to my wife so I had it clipped in Tampa before I got to Winter Haven," he admitted to his friends. Lyle is a recent bridegroom.

Corp. Herbert L. Sygler, of Lakeland, in Batter D of the 116th, returned from leave minus his moustache. "One date with my girl and she said, 'that thing has to go—or I do', and it did," Sygler bitterly admitted.

Their Joke Was Not Too Practical

It was a tense moment and every soldier in Co. C, 167th Inf., held his breath as Lt. Robert C. Key offered cigars to Regimental Commanding Officer, Col. Walter M. Thompson and his executive officer Lt. Col. Sidney B. Hooper last week when the officers were guests of that company at dinner. The Colonels lit their cigars and puffed away but it was minutes before the silence that gripped the mess hall was interrupted. What the officers didn't know was that several cigars in the box were "loaded" before the soldiers knew they would be passed to their regimental commander. Fortunately "unloaded" cigars were chosen.

Homecoming Dance For 155th Soldiers

Lt. George Donovan, recreation officer of the 155th Mississippi Infantry Regiment announced today that plans had been completed for a "Homecoming Dance" to be held in the 31st Division Service Club, Wednesday evening, October 22.

The affair will observe the regiment's return to Camp Blanding after two months maneuvers in Louisiana. The Blue Moods orchestra, made up of former students of Mississippi College will provide music.

Girls from nearby communities have been invited to serve as partners for soldiers. The evening was arranged jointly by Lt. Donovan and Chaplain Joseph A. Keiper, morale officer of the regiment.

Train Ride Solves Problem

Sgt. "Hoot" Roane, Corp. Quinton Kersh, and Pvt. Jimmie Jones of Hq. Battery, 114th F. A. were not pleased with the recreation a nearby town offered.

One of the trio saw a train pull into the station. "Let's take it and ride to the next town, get off and see what it has to offer," one of the men suggested.

The conductor told them the train was going to Ocala. They settled back in the seats, happy, for they knew that community was a "good soldier town."

Businessmen Hosts To Reporters

Members of the 31st and 43rd Division Press Sections were guests of Starke Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night at Pat's Chili Bar. A buffet supper was served. Al Puglise, 124th accordionist played during the evening. Mayor N. D. Wainwright, Jr., welcomed the men to the city and Bob Satterfield, Chamber of Commerce secretary acted as host to the service men.

Hundreds Of Dixie Men On Furlough

A change in the furlough policy the middle of last week permitted hundreds of men to have seven day passes. A IV Army Corp. order cancelled furloughs on Oct. 11.

An order signed by Brig. Gen. Louis F. Guerre, who was temporary Dixie Division commander in the absence of Maj. Gen. John C. Persons, was issued Thursday, October 17.

The new order specifies:

1. Organization commanders are authorized to grant furloughs to their enlisted personnel with the following restrictions:

- a. No more than one half of the command may be on furlough at any one time.

- b. All personnel must return to their organization prior to departure for the Carolina maneuvers.

- c. No furlough will exceed seven (7) days.

- d. Personnel who have applied for release from active duty under the first and third priorities authorized by Letter War Department, file AG 324.71, dated August 22, 1941 will not be granted furloughs.

2. Leaves for officers, within the limits above expressed, will be authorized by this headquarters upon the presentation of proper requests therefor.

3. No personnel who have been on leave or furlough since the Louisiana Maneuvers will be permitted additional leave or furlough under this directive.

4. All previous instructions in conflict herewith are revoked.

By Command of Brigadier General GUERRE.

1650 Men Register At Service Club

Miss Elinor K. Evans, librarian at the 31st Division Service Club reports that approximately 1650 registration have been made by men since they returned from Louisiana maneuvers. Five thousand books are available to readers.

While troops were "warring" in Louisiana, improvements were made to the reading room. Walls ceilings and shelves were painted and a composition mahogany covering put on the floor.

According to Miss Evans, soldiers prefer technical books. Favorite subjects are photography, aviation, radio and advanced mathematics. "Berlin Diary" by William S. Shirer and "For Whom the Bells Toll" by Ernest Hemingway are in constant demand.

The library staff includes Pvt. Charles E. Fried, William J. Spake, and Miss Alma Williams. Miss Marion Garner and Mrs. Marguerite Walthall have been assigned to the library by the State-wide Library Project.

Bugler Keeps Tabs On Calls

Since the time of arrival of the 116th Field Artillery at Camp Blanding last December 19th, bugler Leon M. Fletcher has kept tab on all the bugle calls he has blown for the regiment. According to Fletcher, a bugler leads a very systematic life. "I have to get 'em up in the morning and put 'em to bed at night and in form the regiment throughout the day by way of my bugle."

"I have blown a total of 1,111 calls up to date which include, the number of the following named calls": 4 Alerts, 100 First Calls, 300 Assemblies, 300 Mass Calls, 200 Recalls, 200 Drill Calls, 100 Tattoos, 7 day calls, 1 Fire Call, and 1 General Flourish.

Miss Alice Brown To Wed Soon

Miss Alice Brown, pretty New Orleans girl, is soon to be married. Soldiers will remember her as the young lady who asked via Dixie article that at least 50 Dixie Division men correspond with her. She felt that she could do her part for National Defense in that manner. According to reports, Miss Brown is to marry a civilian and not a soldier.

Miss Doris Bauer, 5319 Annunciation Street of New Orleans, also wrote Dixie editors that she would write 31st Division soldiers, and still wants to hear from men in the four southern states who are in training at Camp Blanding.

SGT. JACK DEMPSEY

Recent promotions in Service Company, 124th Infantry, included Sgt. Jack Dempsey, to first sergeant, Pvt. 1cl. Chester Benet and Pvt. 1cl. William Price to line sergeants.

Boxing Show At 167th Arena Thursday Night

Boxing champions in three weight classes stand to lose their titles next Thursday night when they meet challengers in the 167th Regiment arena.

The matches arranged by Capt. Ben Hudson, Division Recreation Officer, is designed to leave titles open at all times for contenders.

In the Thursday night bouts, Featherweight Champion Private Freckles Brown, 157th Infantry, will meet challenger Pvt. Joseph Barraco, 106th Medical; Lightweight Champion Corporal George Holmes, 106th Medical, will defend his title against Pvt. Charles Carmena, 156th Infantry; and Middleweight Champion Sgt. Bill Ashley fights Corporal William Burton, 114th Field Artillery.

These will be the first of a succession of bouts that will probably result in a mad scramble for titles. Challengers on the night's program now rank as the number two fighters in the division. The third and fourth in rank after a battle may in turn meet the second ranking fighter. And if successful fight the champion. Outside competition must first fight the fourth ranking boxer and so on up the line.

All the bouts on the Thursday program are return engagements. In previous fights, Carmena defeated Holmes, Burton was defeated by Ashley, and Barraco forfeited to Brown. Referees have not yet been named.

Soldiers Buy

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unforeseen emergency the stamps are negotiable as money. Just bring them to any postoffice and we will redeem them penny for penny," Bryan stated.

For larger investors, or whenever sufficient amounts of stamps are saved, defense bonds are available. The Camp postoffice has on hand for sale bonds in the following denominations: \$18.75 repaying \$25.00 in ten years; \$37.50 repaying \$50.00 in ten years; and \$75.00 repaying \$100.00 in ten years. The increase in ten years amounts to one-third the purchase price, or 2.9 percent interest per year on the investment. The bonds and accrued interest may be redeemed for cash any time 60 days after purchase.

The Camp Blanding postoffice, located at the corner of Burlington Street and Vermont Road, in the 43rd Division's 116th Quartermaster area, is officially a branch of the Starke postoffice. Fred F. Stump, postmaster of both post-offices, urges service men to save for the future by investing in the future security of the United States. "We heartily welcome soldiers to come to the postoffice at Camp Blanding or Starke and we will go as far out of our way as possible to be of service. The postoffice is open from 9:00 o'clock a. m. until 6:00 o'clock p. m.," he declared.

The Blanding postoffice employs 19 Civil Service workers and handles an average of 70,000 first class letters per day; 35,000 incoming and about the same number of outgoing letters. Although the Blanding postoffice is the "branch" it does about three times the business of the Starke office.

Defense stamps and bonds are not on sale at A. P. O. No. 31, only at the Burlington Street-Vermont Road office.

Went 300 Miles For 15 Minute Visit

When Corporal Wade Guice of B Company 155th Infantry from Natchez, Mississippi went home on a seven day furlough, he expected to spend 7 evenings with his girl, but fate had a different plan. After travelling 300 miles from Oakdale, La., to the girl's home in Cleveland, Miss., he saw his girl for exactly 15 minutes. She had gotten a call to come teach school a week earlier than she had expected.

Disney Studio Draws Insignia For 124th A-T Co.

Anti-Tank company 124th Inf. sports a genuine Walt Disney cartoon insignia. The drawing pictures an angry turtle pulling a snail out of its shell.

A request was sent to the Disney studios for a cartoon of Pluto pictured in some of his crazy antics that might be significant for the tank busters. The famous hound, however, was not available for such use so the present insignia was substituted by the Disney studios.

Gomez Meets de Sola Tonight



Pvt. Tommy Gobe, boxing pill pusher of the 116th Medical Detachment will meet Jimmy De Sola, Spanish heavyweight in Tampa tonight in Davis Island Coliseum in a ten round match.

Gomez impressed interested buddies last week during rigorous workouts in the regimental ring where he met several better-than-average sparring mates, among the heavies in camp. Last Saturday his stock climbed when Tam-

pans saw him knock out Dixie Lee Oliver, colored fighter of no mean ability. According to reports, Oliver, took off his gloves, left the ring and stated he would never box with the "too tough" battler again.

De Sola has an impressive record. He tips the scale at 190 pounds and has met in the course of his fist career, Bob Pastor, Tommy Tucker, Tony Shucco and Arthur Gody. The latter scrap was staged in Europe.

General Persons Rises Early, Works Late During War Games

(Editor's Note—"What does a General do during amovement or a battle?"—this question has been asked by many Dixie Division soldiers. To provide an answer, the DIXIE publishes the following account of a day in the field with Major General John C. Persons, commanding officer of the division. The article below was written by Private George H. Siegel of the DIXIE staff and has appeared in newspapers in Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi.)

The General rises at dawn, works all day and retires late at night. The General is Major General John C. Persons, commander of the 31st Division, with whom I recently spent twenty-four hours to observe how the leader of the fighting men from Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida directs the widespread activities of the famed southern division.

In America's modern defense Army, the swivel-chair general is no more. Commanding officers have hours as long and duties as arduous as do their men. All day and all night the leader is on the job. He must be able to take it as well as his men do.

General Persons, from Birmingham, Alabama, a veteran of the first World War, led his stalwart southern soldiers in a successful engagement as part of Lt. General Walter Krueger's Third Army. I wanted to see how it was done. So I gained permission to ride with the Dixie General in his command car.

At noon the war between Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger's forces and those of Lt. General Ben Lear's Second Army was declared on. Promptly, with the position of his forces and the presumed position of the enemy outlined on a master map, General Persons sent out a reconnaissance unit to scout the terrain north and northwest of Guy, where the 31st's base camp had been established.

After they returned with information regarding the terrain, passable roads and other features of the vicinity, General Persons dispatched orders to his brigade leaders to march and convey their troops in sectors selected by him on the basis of the information received. He then ordered out his command car, a "jeep," and personally set out to supervise activities. I hopped in the car, whose other occupants were 1st Lt. Benjamin W. Way, acting as temporary aide-de-camp, from Baton Rouge, La., and Private Shelly Powell of Birmingham, Ala., chauffeur.

General Persons not only issues orders, but also sees to it that they are followed implicitly. He will stop a convoy leader on a dusty road to see that the troops leader understands his orders; or he will converse with a lowly buck private to check the soldier's knowledge of his duties. The general is a stickler for precision and believes that an enlisted man who understands his duties and knows the Division's objectives will take an interest in his work and turn in a better job—which they usually do.

Memory Is Remarkable
A revelation to me was General

Persons' remarkable memory. Once he leaves his field tent, he hardly needs a map to locate troop positions or roads. He directs chauffeur Powell from his back seat with hardly a reference to a map, and no wrong turns were called. He checked the position of his infantry and artillery troops along the road to Pitkin and from there proceeded to LaCamp. He was in touch with his Division Command Post through motorcycle courier and radio, the latter in charge of 1st Lieutenant John P. Sweeney, and with the IV Army Corps, of which the 31st is a part.

Satisfied that the Dixie Division was moving on schedule, the General established headquarters at the school house in Simpson. But his day was not done yet. Shortly after nine o'clock the Command Post moved from Guy and when it reached Simpson a conference on procedure was called immediately. Attending, in addition to the General and Colonel Frederick W. Manley, chief of staff, were the assistant chiefs of staff—the "G-Men," directors of the Division's personnel, intelligence, plans and training and transportation and supply sections. Here, with a wall-size map of the area around the General and his aides went over the Dixie Division's mission, and orders were issued for its performance. It was after midnight when General Persons went to bed, and he was subject to call, should any important order come down from Corps or Army.

An office in a schoolhouse was unusual for the General and his staff, as the Kisatchie Forest and surrounding territory has been the usual "home" of the Division on maneuvers. It was welcome news to the officers and men, for whom it was the first opportunity in days to take a shower bath and otherwise enjoy civilian comforts.

The next morning the General was up at dawn, went over the reports that had been received during the night, and then enjoyed a Breakfast of orange juice, toast, and eggs. He conferred with several of his section chiefs and at seven o'clock was on his way again.

The General Checks
He backtracked toward LaCamp to check on several regiments which were late in reaching their bivouac area, and then headed north to inspect the forward situation. Driving on rough roads, he proceeded as far as Mink. Several of his patrols were ahead of him and long lines of infantrymen and endless convoys of artillery trucks with their big guns were proceeding to take positions against the Reds. Several times, we stopped as brigadier generals asked for orders and conferred with the General, and the Dixie leader made certain that no other Blue troops were occupying or were planning to occupy the positions chosen for his own troops.

On the return from Mink an airplane squadron caused the General to order his car sidetracked off the road and after a short halt we proceeded to Hutton, where General Persons observed the movement of his troops toward

Gen Griswold

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unity that should be. Then he launched into a straightforward airing of his views on the factors which effect army training.

"I don't know of any more crushing responsibility than Leadership," he stated to his new officers. "When you have the responsibility of a man's life on your shoulders it is not a light load that you carry."

His remarks, he told the men, were not confined to his audience of nearly 3,000. Sergeants, corporals—all men who command—were responsible, he said.

"Suppose," he asked, "it was your own boy being led into this battle? By a man whose leadership you doubted, but perhaps a friend. Are you willing for that man to be responsible for the life of your boy?"

"No," he answered. "And if we don't give the right leadership we are behaving criminally. Friendship and those things don't count when we go against the enemy."

Leadership, he defined as simply the expedient of "handling men." Not, making them do something—"getting them to do something."

General Griswold feels that Morale and Leadership are correlated. In fact, the three—including Discipline—amounted to the same thing, gave the same result, he said.

"Morale? This thing is a corollary to Leadership. When a man is sick, hungry, tired, unshaven, insect-eaten—under those conditions—if he has Morale he says 'Let's go!' That's all Morale is."

The "Let's Go" to which the new commander was referring was what he termed "Battlefield Morale." His concern, he said, was not with the newspaper-publicized griping of the soldier. Griping he dismissed as earmarks of the soldier, a condition that has existed down through the armies of history.

He listed Discipline as one of the American Army's prime shortcomings. "If there's one thing we lack in the Army today it's discipline," he said.

"The reason? Our whole life since childhood has had freedom for the individual. It's the American Way of Life. But in the Army we have to have it."

He cited the power of example as the chief means of attaining an Army which obeys reflexively from its commanders to its privates. A company commander who questions the command of a battalion commander, even by the shrug of his shoulders, is setting a bad example for his soldiers, he said. This condition he deplored.

General Griswold concluded to his new command: "You've got no strikes on you. I am quarter-back. If you can block and tackle and carry the ball we'll go places."

"The Green Light is on. Let's go."

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the North. He conferred with countless commanding officers and also observed the condition of the men as they marched by. His noonday meal consisted of Army "C" rations, eaten in his command car. These were canned goods comprising chocolate, hard tack, vegetables and meat stew.

Satisfied that his battle plans were proceeding according to plan, the General returned to his command post at Simpson where conferences were resumed. His forward line was now almost 60 miles from where it had been 24 hours previous and the General himself had traveled almost 200 miles in supervising the mass movement of more than 18,000 troops. Three Red patrols in armored cars from the 107th Division had been captured by the Dixie Division. No contact otherwise had been made with the foe, but when it was southern fighters will be ready, their defenses have been drawn up, and the men ready to go. General Persons, too, is always ready. If his charges are attacked, or if orders are issued to advance, he has the situation in hand; is ready to move or attack with lightning-like blows. And he is fit and ready to stay up night and day directing his daring Dixie fighters as he has done before and will do again.

She Has Hundreds of Friends



The young lady in the picture is Miss Gertrude Erskine, your hostess at the Starke USO Club. Through her interesting programs she has made hundreds of friends in the Dixie Division. Activities at the service men's club for this week are listed on Page 2.

Headquarters

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cedure which was followed during the Louisiana exercises.

Men who have been certified by Adjutant General Nettle's office as being eligible for release will not be taken to the Carolinas. However, the filing of an application for release does not in itself constitute eligibility; only upon certification by the AGO to a man's regiment is a soldier considered ready for discharge. Men in all priorities who have not received this approval prior to the time of the maneuvers will make the trek.

The second priority will mean the loss of very few men to the division, for it releases from service on application those men "who enlisted in the Regular Army for three years or in the Army of the United States for one year at the expiration of the enlistment term." Men who are married will be eligible for release after the completion of their normal term of service, one year, and on application when their term is completed.

Men being returned to civilian status and placed on either the Enlisted Men's Reserve Corps or the National Guard Reserve Corps will be given, in addition to their full pay till the day of their release from service, an allowance of five cents per mile for the distance from their point of induction to Camp Blanding. The payment in cash by the finance office will follow the clearance of supplies and clothing through the company supply sergeants.

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Sees Home Town Team Play U. of F.

Pvt. John Androsko, a selectee of Co. M, 167th Inf., had more than ordinary interest in the University of Florida-Villanova game last Saturday night.

Androsko is a resident of Villanova, Pa., the home of the University. There he saw practically all the games—in the stadium which was located a few blocks from his house.

'Deep' Literature

Much to the amusement of his fellow soldiers in Co. D, 167th Inf., Corp. Richard Strickland received a "Peter Rabbitt" paint book from his girl friend.

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS

A recent War Department tabulation of religious affiliations in the Army shows that 31 percent of our soldiers are Catholic, 59 percent Protestant, 2 percent Jewish. Eight percent listed no denominations.

Then Johnny Goes Marching On



A member of the medical detachment pauses to give a little first aid to a footsore infantry casualty of the Louisiana war games as the Dixie Regiments march on Shreveport during the final maneuver phase.

Sick Granddaddy Writes Telegram

"Please extend furlough five days account granddaddy sick at home—(signed) Granddaddy." was the telegram First Lt. Robert Fowler, commanding officer of Co. M, 167th Inf., received from Pvt. Nowen Whiteside, Lt. Fowler could throw no light on the signature "Granddaddy" in the lower right corner of the telegram.

Convoys Motor

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31st Anti-Tank Bn.
RAIL SCHEDULE
First Echelon Departs October 29:
Hq. & Hq. Det. 1st Bn.
Cos. A, B, C, & Band.
155th Infantry
Adj. Gen. Section.
Hq. & Hq. Det. 2nd Bn.
Cos. E, F, & G.
155th Infantry.
Finance Section.
Hq. & Hq. Det. 3rd Bn.
Cos. I, K, & L.
155th Infantry.
Second Echelon Departs October 30:
Hq. & Hq. Det. 1st Bn.
Cos. A, B, C, & Band.
167th Infantry.
Hq. & Hq. Det. 2nd Bn.
Cos. E, F, & G.
167th Infantry.
Hq. & Hq. Det. 3rd Bn.
Cos. I, K, & L.
167th Infantry.
Hq. & Hq. Det. 1st Bn.
Cos. A, B, C, & Band.
124th Infantry.
35th F. A. Regiment.
35th F. A. Regiment.
Minor Depts. of all units.

Buys Her Dinner In Dad's Restaurant

The song "Daddy" may be one of the hit tunes of the nation but not with Corp. James K. Whitehead, Co. A, 156th Inf. To that non-com, it brings unpleasant memories.

Corp. Whitehead had just paid for a dinner for a girl he had met in a restaurant when the young lady introduced him to her father, the owner of the restaurant.

JOIN REGULARS

Privates John J. Roberts, Richard Cox, and Robert E. Lee of Headquarters Battery 116th Field Artillery will soon be discharged to reenlist in the regular Army. All three men were members of the National Guard and inducted November 25, at St. Petersburg, Fla. John Roberts of the radio section has been assigned to McDill Field Tampa.

MADE 2ND LT.

Sgt. Sidney F. Frazier, Co. M, 167th Inf., of Birmingham, Ala., has been graduated from the Officers Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Ga., with the rank of second lieutenant in the Infantry Reserves according to information received here. He has been ordered to active duty at Camp Polk, La.

Officers or enlisted men desiring the services of a Notary Public, contact Major Barrs, Director of Army Extension Courses, Hq. 31st Inf. Div.

Classified

LOST—one 45 calibre Colt, serial No. 271655 an holster three miles south of Sugartown, La. Reward Pvt. Harlie B. Johnson, Btry D, 117th F. A.

FOR SALE—A good possum dog. Will sell for \$25. See E. E. Blair, barbershop, 156th Post Exchange.

LOST — Classification Selector Unit. Consists of one initial sorting box with removable plate, two single needle selector or tumbler, one multiple needle selector and needles. Return to Headquarters 116th Field Artillery. Lost on maneuvers.

FOUND—Five Year Diary with name 'Sadie R. McGuire, 403 Crawford street, Biloxi, Miss., written in front. May be claimed in Dixie office, Special Troops Medical dispensary.

LOST—Tan and cream colored Zenith Wave Magnet Radio valued at \$35.00. Taken from Bantam car of the Red 18th Armored Regiment which was captured approximately 7 p. m. Thursday, September 18th, southwest of Good Hope Church, La. This radio was the property of Lt. Gowell of the 13th Armored Regiment. It is desired by 31st Headquarters that it be returned at once. Anyone having any information about the radio should notify Lt. B. W. Wax, Divisional Headquarters.